Time taken for answering Interpellations.

118. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state the amount of time taken each day in answering interpellations during the last two meetings of the Legislative Council (Tulam and Medam 1102)?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The time taken each day in answering interpellations is in accordance with Standing Order No. 9 of the Legislative Council and that order is being adhered to in practice.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): May I know what is the average amount of time taken each day in answering the questions? That was what I intended.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am sorry that there is no record of the exact time taken by the Council in answering the questions each day.

MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): That could have been stated in the answer.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It was thought that the question was with regard to the time taken up for answering all the questions.

Bridges across the Ananta Victoria Martandan Canal.

119. **MR. X. G. LOPEZ** (*Nominated*): (1) Are the Government aware:

(*a*) that the people living in the coast villages from Vallavilai to Tengapattanam have to cross the Ananta Victoria Martandan canal to get into the interior; and

(*b*) that the said canal is subject to floods during several months of the year and becomes unfordable?

(2) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there were bridges over the said canal from Vallavilai to Tengapattanam; if so, how many and at what places; and

(*b*) whether those bridges exist now, and, if not, when they were removed and on what account?

(3) Are the Government aware of the hardships which the people, especially the market-going women and the school-going children, are put to for want of bridges?

(4) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of petitions they have received from 1084 onwards regarding the above-said hardship and what action was taken on them?

(5) Will the Government be pleased to reconstruct the bridges at an early date?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(1) (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The canal is subject to floods during some months in the year.

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